

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 20.6.2.3108.H NMAC, the following Ground Water Discharge Permit applications have been proposed for approval. To request additional information or to obtain a copy of a draft permit, contact the Ground Water Quality Bureau in Santa Fe at (505) 827-2900. Draft permits may also be viewed on-line at https://www.env.nm.gov/gwb/NMED-GWQB-PublicNotice.htm

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DP#	Facility/Applicant	Closest	County	Notice	NMED Permit
455	Gettysburg and Savanna Pits; 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D and 7B Leach Stockpiles Erich Bower General Manager Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Mines Company PO Drawer 574 Tyrone, NM 88065	City Silver City	Grant	Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Mines Company proposes to renew and modify Discharge Permit 455 (DP-455), which allows for the discharge of up to 28,800,000 gallons per day (gpd) of acidic leach solution (raffinate) to the 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D and 7B Leach Stockpiles (Leach Stockpile System). Facilities regulated under DP-455 include the Leach Stockpile System, the Gettysburg and Savanna Open Pits, pregnant leach solution (PLS) collection ponds, booster stations, and various pipelines. The proposed modification of DP-455 will increase the raffinate application rate to the Leach Stockpile System from a maximum of 18,288,000 gpd to a maximum of 28,800,000 gpd. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include total dissolved solids, sulfate, and metals. The facility is located approximately 10 miles southwest of Silver City in Sections 22, 23, 25, 26 and 27, T19S, R15W, Grant County, New Mexico. Groundwater beneath the site is at a depth of approximately 0 - 560 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration range from approximately 100 to 500 milligrams per liter. Facility contact: Erich Bower, General Manager. In addition to the requirements of 20.6.7 NMAC, DP-455 contains additional conditions that the permittee shall comply with as authorized by Subsection I of 20.6.7.10 NMAC. NMED has provided written explanation for those additional conditions to the applicant, and will provide the justification to interested parties upon request.	Contact Keith Ehlert keith.ehlert@state.nm.us

Prior to ruling on any proposed Discharge Permit or its modification, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will allow thirty days after the date of publication of this notice to receive written comments and during which time a public hearing may be requested by any interested person, including the applicant. Requests for public hearing shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons why a hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if NMED determines that there is substantial public interest. Comments or requests for hearing should be submitted to the Ground Water Quality Bureau at PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469.

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